

## **Gulf Coast Center Update**

In an effort to reduce the potential of Coronavirus spread from passengers to transit operators, other GCC personnel, and other passengers, the Gulf Coast Center Connect transit service will operate “fare free” beginning Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is being implemented for safety system wide. It is estimated that this will result in a loss of monthly local revenues of approximately \$33K from all modes of transit.

We will maintain financial information and other data related to the impact of the Coronavirus on GCC/Connect operations. We will announce this as a temporary change in policy for the time being. We will also monitor the impact of the “fare free” service on ridership changes per mode to determine how to better deploy equipment and other resources system wide.